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25 September 1957

TO : [REDACTED] Sec'y, IAC Committee on Exchanges
THRU : Acting Chief, D/S
FROM : Chief, S/CST
SUBJECT: Soviet Long Term Exchange Proposal

1. At your request the undersigned met in committee and made an assessment of the long term exchange possibilities in the field of building construction. We have covered the points indicated in your memorandum as well as other considerations which may be of some value in the forthcoming negotiations.

2. The committee has taken the term "building construction" in a literal sense and have confined their assessments to this sector of the construction industry. However, it is felt that there would be certain [REDACTED] technological advantages accruing to the US in other sectors of the industry such as communications and hydro construction. The initial assessment of the points covered is as follows:

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a. US [REDACTED] gain vs Soviet [REDACTED] gain

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It is difficult to determine [REDACTED] gain. It is felt that much information could be obtained by association with others employed in the job particularly on their reactions to conditions in the USSR. Construction methods, materials, and equipment might yield valuable technical and [REDACTED] information not obtainable elsewhere, particularly if specialists in certain types of construction with a good background of field experience could be delegated. However, it is felt that the Soviets would gain a net advantage from [REDACTED] standpoint, particularly in a long term exchange unless there is a very careful selection of US personnel and itineraries.

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b. Soviet technological gains

In a long term exchange it is felt that the gain would be considerable particularly in the field of heavy industry and housing construction.

c. Possibilities of limited technological gain to the US

(1) Construction in permafrost areas

(2) Building construction trends in the New Lands Area

d. Length of time at one plant vs travel throughout the industry

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[REDACTED] gain for both US and Soviet delegates in travel throughout
the industry. Spending full time at one plant would certainly
restrict the activities of the delegates and severely limit the
information to be gained from the industry as a whole particularly
from the US point of view. In the following chart is shown the
various segments of the building industry and country which stands
to gain an advantage either technological or from an [REDACTED] 25X1X1
view point.

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| Segment of the Building Industry | US Advantage | | USSR Advantage | | Neutral | |
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| 1. Housing | | * | * | | | |
| 2. State | | | | | | |
| 3. Planned | * | * | | | | |
| 4. Non-planned | | | | | * | * |
| 5. Private | | | | | | |
| 6. Homeowner | | * | * | | | |
| 7. Factory sponsored | | | * | | | * |
| 8. Heavy Industry | | * | * | | | |
| 9. Light Industry | | * | * | | | |
| 10. Agricultural Building | | | | | * | * |

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*- Qualified personnel and acceptable itinerary assumed

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